

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-07

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R 240905Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7790  
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AMEMBASSY JAKARTA  
AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EPAP  
SUBJECT: SOVIET CONCERN OVER GSA RUBBER STOCKPILE

1. AT RECENT RUBBER ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE RECEPTION,  
RESIDENT SOVIET EMBASSY RUBBER BUYER VLADIMIR IVANOV, IN  
COVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, MANIFESTED A NEAR-PANICKY CONCERN  
ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE GSA STOCKPILING OF RUBBER.

2. SINCE EARLY MARCH, RUSSIANS HAVE BEEN VIRTUALLY  
OUT OF THE S.E. ASIAN NATURAL RUBBER MARKET, "SUSPENDING"  
THEIR PURCHASE COMMITMENTS FOR APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE.  
RECENTLY, RUMORS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING IN SINGAPORE  
RUBBER MARKET THAT GSA IS CONSIDERING "ROLLING OVER"  
SOME OF ITS OLD STOCK. RUSSIAN RUBBER BUYERS APPARENTLY  
FEAR THAT IF THERE IS SUBSTANCE TO THESE RUMORS, AND IF  
USSR AND GSA BOTH RE-ENTER THE MARKET SIMULTANEOUSLY  
THIS FALL, PRICE OF NATURAL RUBBER WOULD SKYROCKET.

3. COMMENT: WHILE RUSSIANS ARE NOT LARGE BUYERS,  
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THEIR PURCHASES ARE LARGELY OF RSS-1 GRADE SHEETS AND  
UPWARD MOVEMENT IN RSS-1 PRICE IN NEXT FEW MONTHS  
COULD OBVIOUSLY HURT THE RUSSIANS WITH THEIR PRESENT  
SHORT POSITION IN THE MARKET. IF THE GSA WERE TO ENTER  
THE MARKET THIS SUMMER ONLY TO BUY A FEW HUNDRED TONS, THE  
PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT (AND, CONSEQUENTLY, THE PRICE  
EFFECT) WOULD BE VERY SIGNIFICANT.

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